



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

September 23, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

The successes of our first full week of school would not have been possible without the help of many Lincoln parents. Pam Balfanz and Shauneen Donlon are to be congratulated on a fantastic Welcome Back Dinner! The weather held and our DJ had us dancing in the dark. Was my family the last to leave? We also want to thank Donna Toelke, Anne Bianchini and so many of you for supporting the 5th Grade Service Committee's Food Drive. Heidi Keller and her Picture Day volunteers helped facilitate a very smooth morning last week. Tom Norton and his sizable crew of assistants took class photos and individual pictures for every student before the clock struck noon on the 16th. Last but not least, we are so pleased to congratulate Jayne Micciche and Kim Khachadourian for completing the recruiting and training of a wonderful new group of room parents. Just a reminder that in addition to our website, lincolnspace.org, there is a LSPA table located across from the school library. Here you'll find our Direct Appeal box and a bulletin board containing a calendar and information about local events at Lincoln and in the Winchester community. We welcome your input, questions and feedback. Our best,

--Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 1

Curriculum night

Thursday October 8

LSPA Meeting - 8:30 AM

October 21-23

Early Release Conferences

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION- WELCOME BACK DINNER

Many many thanks go out to all of the families who made a food item contribution to the Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry at the Welcome Back Picnic. We collected 5 large laundry baskets packed full of non-perishable food items! The people at the food pantry were overwhelmed by our generosity. They

couldn't thank us enough, especially since they are now serving so many more families than ever before. This simple gesture on our part will really make an impact on many families. Thanks again. --5th Grade Growing Up and Reaching Out Committee

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are off to a great start and have been very excited to see that over 60 families have already contributed to the Direct Appeal. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's only fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget.

Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities.

We hope to accomplish this year's goal with as much enthusiasm as we have in the past. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school or you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspace.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain

the forms from your employer's human resource department.

LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

Our library couldn't run successfully without the commitment of our parent volunteers. No experience is necessary! If you are interested in volunteering to help out in the library this year, please fill out the form that was sent home and return it to the library as soon as possible. The commitment is for 2 shifts/month.

Please contact jtrevelt@comcast.net or anitacola@yahoo.com with any questions.

--Jen Trevett and Anita Colasante,

Library Co-Chairs

NEWS FROM THE LUNCHROOM

We're off to a great start. Mrs. Marianne Motherway joined our staff at the beginning of this school year. I am also happy to report that the kindergarteners are doing very well in the lunchroom. It would be a good idea for parents of younger kids to explain the lunch options to them, so that there aren't any unpleasant surprises. I cannot provide another lunch for them if they don't like the one they ordered. Also, I have LACTAID milk available, as well as soy milk. The children can get these from me in the kitchen. Please make sure your children come to school either with a lunch or a lunch ticket! Thanks, Rose Novak

5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

It's your child's last year at Lincoln School. Help make it a memorable one! Join 5th Grade Committee Chairs Lynn Phillips and Lori Scully, Thursday September 24th, 7:00pm, at the Phillips' house, 92 Lawson Road. You'll learn about all the exciting events happening for our 5th graders throughout the upcoming year. There's lots of fun ahead: Growing Up and Reaching Out, Babysitting, Pancake Breakfast, Ice Skating Party, Ice Cream Social, Yearbook, Pool Party, Moving On Ceremony and more. Don't miss the chance to help brainstorm, be together and join in the fun! Please let us know if you can make it (RSVP: lkphillips@comcast.net or 781-721-2981). If you can't make it, but would

like to help, please contact Lori (wlsscully@comcast.net). Hope to see you there! --Lynn & Lori

4TH AND 5TH GRADE CHORUS

If you are in the 4th or 5th grade and love to sing, please consider joining the Winchester Boys & Girls District-wide Elementary Chorus. This is an extra-curricular activity with regular rehearsals held on Thursdays at 3:15 to 4:00 in the music wing and auditorium of Winchester High School. The program is open to all 4th and 5th grade students in Winchester. There is a \$35.00 materials fee for this program. Students will perform in at least two concerts per year. For additional information, enrollment forms, or any other concerns, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with your children!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CUB SCOUTS

Calling all boys in grades 1 through 5! Learn more about the fun activities of Cub Scout Pack 506. Pack 506 is holding its registration night on Thursday, September 24, 2009, between 4 and 7 p.m. at 1026 Main Street, Winchester (Gosselin Law Office). Stop by to have your questions answered and to sign up. The registration fee is \$100. If you are unable to come on September 24, please call Sarah Gosselin at 781-782-6046 for more information.

WBA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

On Saturday mornings in December, January, and February, the WBA offers an in-town basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3-5. There are separate divisions for boys and girls in each grade. Our objective is for all players to have fun while improving their basketball fundamentals, with an emphasis on developing individual and team skills. For grades 3-5 the program is designed to be instructional and recreational for younger players with limited basketball experience. A typical session includes about 25% drills-ball handling, passing, shooting and footwork; and 75% games and contests. Registration for the in-town program is \$115; discounts are available for multiple players from the same family. For information and to register, visit <http://www.winchesterbasketball.org/>. For

Other questions, contact Tom Gaither at twgaither@comcast.net.

TOPS SOCCER

Offered by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. A volunteer group of "junior coaches" serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes.

Schedule: 1:30-2:30, Sunday afternoons at Lynch Front Field in Winchester (September 20th through November 1st (excluding Columbus Day Weekend). If you are interested in Winchester's TOPS program as either an athlete or junior coach (no prior soccer experience necessary), please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPSoccer Director, at jfcalnan@yahoo.com.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

The International Connections group of the Multicultural Network invites international residents to come to the Farmer's Market on Winchester Common on **Saturday, October 3, between 9:30am and 1:30pm**. Look for the table that the Network will be sharing with the Winchester Public Library. There you will meet members of International Connections, sign up for fall conversation groups, and get information about fall activities, such as the walk in the Fells and the International Pot Luck Supper. Conversation groups will be offered at different times during the week, and participants must register ahead. For more information on the conversation groups, call English At Large, 781-395-2374 or Liz Sayre, 781-729-9242.

A BETTER CHANCE (ABC)

RAIN DATE FOR Winchester ABC Program Bottle Drive: The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans would be appreciated. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergean at 781-721-0242.

GRIFFIN MUSEUM ANNUAL GALA

WHEN/WHERE: Friday, September 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Griffin Museum, 67 Shore Road, Winchester
THEME: "You Ought to be in Pictures!"

Highlights include a silent auction, balloon raffle, live music, and photos with "celebrity" guests; hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and open bar featuring "Griffinis."

Signature items for the auction and raffle include: Great gift certificates (\$25 and up in value), Pair of Red Sox tickets for the 2010 season (\$190 value), Golf outing for two at the Myopia Hunt Club (\$500 value), Weekend getaway at a Woodstock, VT house (\$900 value), Tree "garden party" with pruning, etc. (\$500 value), 18 holes of golf with lunch for two at Winchester Country Club (\$320 value), Apple iPod touch (\$230 value).

TICKETS: \$75 per person;

<http://www.griffinmuseum.org/>

QUESTIONS: 781-729-1158 OR photos@griffinmuseum.org

FRIENDS OF ART

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual Back-to-School Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is now exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students.

The Winchester community is also invited to join the Friends of Art on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 5pm to 8pm, to honor the Back-to-School artists at a reception at the library.

For more information about The Winchester Friends of Art, contact [<http://us.mc1120.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=winchesterfoa@hotmail.com>] or winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

FANSPLASH

Upcoming Events: September 26th - Raffle tickets will be available at our table at the Town Yard Sale, and at Book Ends until September 27. October 20th - Whole Foods, Woburn will donate 5% of the day's proceeds to FANSplash! For details on raffle prizes and how to purchase and design your own tile to decorate the Borggaard Beach Bathhouse, please visit www.winrec.com or www.fansplash.org.

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